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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I am writing to express my support for the Preliminary Site Suitability Evaluation of Yucca Mountain. I believe that this document provides sufficient justification for approval of Yucca Mountain as a site for a high-level radioactive waste repository.

My personal experience supports my position. I worked on the Yucca Mountain Project full-time for nearly eight years, specifically focusing on the behavior of high-level radioactive wastes and waste containers. As a result of that work, I have complete confidence that the Yucca Mountain repository will provide effective, long-term waste isolation.

The need for a repository is painfully clear. Operators of the nation's nuclear power plants continue to struggle to manage their inventories of spent fuel. Permanent disposal at Yucca Mountain is the solution that we all need if we are have continued, reliable supplies of electricity.

It is time to stop studying the mountain and build a repository. Let's do it.

Sincerely,



J. Kevin McCoy, Ph.D.